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inserting an expandable, empty fabric bag into the at least one cavity through the opening, the bag being formed of a fabric wall that includes a plurality of bag openings between about 0.25 to about 5.0 mm in diameter, the bag defining an interior and having an exterior; and

packing the bag through a fill opening with material that will support or promote bone growth through the fabric wall, the packing causing said bag to expand until the bag and material combination form a self-retaining rigid shape wherein the exterior of the bag is substantially in contact with the bone of the cavity, the plurality of bag openings constructed and arranged to substantially prevent the material from passing from the interior of the bag to the exterior of the bag.

Please replace claim 11 with the following amended claim:

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11. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein formation of the cavity comprises the following steps:

boring into the area of the bone to form the opening;

inserting an expandable compaction member into the opening; and

expanding the compaction member, wherein by expanding the compaction member a quantity of bone adjacent thereto is compacted, the compaction of the quantity of bone forming the cavity.

Please replace claim 13 with the following amended claim:

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13. (Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising the following steps:

disposing the fabric bag about a body adapted to assume a collapsed geometry for deployment into the bag, the body being expandable to an expanded geometry for compacting cancellous bone;

expanding the body within the bag, the expansion of the body expanding the bag;
and

removing the body from the bag after the body is expanded to the expanded geometry.